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# Liberals, NDP neck and neck in HRM: Poll

- ▶ Survey conducted for Metro suggests NDP trails by three per cent in HRM, but Liberal lead is within margin of error
- ▶ 29 per cent of voters surveyed are still undecided



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With only three days to go before the federal election, a new poll suggests there are still plenty of votes up for grabs in HRM's four main ridings.

The poll, conducted by MarketQuest-Omnifacts for Metro Halifax, has the Liberals with a slight lead over the NDP in the municipality, with the Conservatives nine points back.

Of decided voters, who were asked which party they planned to vote for, 36 per cent said they would support the Liberals, while 33 per cent favoured the NDP. Another 27 per cent said they'd vote Conservative, while four per

### Poll

▶ This poll was conducted April 13 to 23 and done by a random phone survey of 597 voting-aged citizens across HRM. The margin of error is 4.1 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

cent said they're going Green.

Perhaps more interesting, however, is 29 per cent of those surveyed remain undecided — a rare thing so late in the campaign.

"It's a bit of a mystery," said Rick Emberley, senior council for MarketQuest-Omnifacts.

"The normal range with four or five days left in the campaign would be in the very high teens ... It's a signal of some descrip-

tion, and definitely indicates there's a bunch of people out there sitting on the fence."

Based on his findings, Emberley foresees little movement in the ridings, suggesting an advantage for the four incumbents.

Emberley said Halifax West Liberal Geoff Regan "seems to be in good shape," and while the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour race looks tighter than in 2008, he said there's no evidence of a flip.

Sackville-Eastern Shore incumbent Peter Stoffer took 60 per cent of the vote in 2008, and Emberley sees little chance for a change in that riding. In the NDP stronghold of Halifax, however, he said the race could be tighter than expected.

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# 'Someone has to take a stand here'

► Last year 23 people died in workplace-related accidents in Nova Scotia ► Speakers at ceremony included Premier Darrell Dexter and Minister of Labour and Advancement Education Marilyn More



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Paulette Raymond misses her brother "every minute of every day."

Raymond lost her sibling Tommy Raymond in 2009 to a workplace accident — he was hit by a car. She was one of more than 100 people that crowded the Nova Scotia legislature on Thursday, the National Day of Mourning, to commemorate workers who died on the job across the province.

"I'm here to find out how much his life was worth. We know what it was worth to us, but how much is it worth to everyone else," said Raymond, after laying a wreath decorated with pictures and bright yellow flowers.

"Someone has to take a stand here. Someone has to stop this from happening."



► Premier Darrell Dexter speaks at a National Day of Mourning ceremony on Thursday for people killed or injured in the workplace.

Annette Travis couldn't hold back the tears when describing her father, Keith (Mickey) Myles, falling off ill-equipped scaffolding in 2006.

"We didn't lose my dad to a disease, a car crash or an illegal act. We lost my dad because he went to work. That is something me and my family will never be able to understand," said

Travis, who was also representing Threads of Life, a support group for families.

In 2010, 6,921 people were injured on the job, a decrease of four per cent from 2009.

But Rick Clarke, president of the Federation of Labour, said those numbers don't tell the whole story.

"Workers who are not covered by compensation

and who sustain a workplace injury do not appear in the statistics," he said, demanding stronger enforcement of occupational health and safety laws and universal compensation coverage.

Men standing in the crowd equipped with orange hard hats and soiled coveralls responded with claps and cheers.

## Shooting in Dartmouth; men charged

Three men are facing numerous charges after another shooting in Dartmouth Wednesday afternoon.

Tremaine Fraser, 21, Landrel Beals, 19, and Shawn-tez Neco Downey, 19, from North Preston are scheduled to appear in Dartmouth Provincial Court Thursday, each facing 14 weapons-related charges.

Police responded to a call of shots fired in the Everett Street area around 5:15 p.m. They observed a suspicious vehicle before the three suspects exited and tried to flee the scene, but were apprehended and two firearms were recovered. ● ANDREW CALEY

## Police look into break and enter

Police say three men broke into a residence in the 6200 block of Jubilee Road at around 8 p.m. Wednesday night.

The men, one of which police believe had a firearm, confronted the residents and attempted to steal items from the home. One of the suspects assaulted a resident before all three fled the area. Police arrived on scene but could not find the suspects.

They were described as two black males and one Asian male, all in their 20s, dressed in black, with their faces covered with bandanas. The incident remains under investigation.

● ANDREW CALEY

## Council approves budget — early

Halifax Regional Council voted overwhelmingly to approve the 2011-2012 municipal budget Thursday night, 11 days ahead of schedule.

After exhausting their questions for staff on the \$758-million budget in un-

der two days, councillors opted to proceed straight to the budget vote just after 4 p.m.

In the end, 15 councillors voted to approve the budget, five councillors voted against the budget, and four were absent.

The snap decision to vote early frustrated some councillors. Bedford Coun. Tim Outhit put forward a motion to send the budget back to staff until May 9, the date originally scheduled for the budget vote.

"What would it have tak-

en if we wanted no tax increase? ... I'd like to see that answer," said Outhit. "Maybe this budget is perfect, and we'll end up voting for it. But we don't know, because we didn't ask."

The motion was not seconded. ● ALEX BOUTILIER



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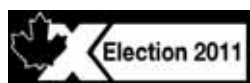
"I will be a strong voice for Dartmouth–Cole Harbour in Ottawa."

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# Rare faceoff in South Shore

► Riding considered a bellwether for national parties' hopes ► Keddy has won the past five straight, but not by a landslide ► National NDP spike may influence Earle



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It's a rare event when three former MPs are vying for the same seat.

But that's precisely the case in the riding of South Shore-St. Margaret's, where incumbent Conservative Gerald Keddy is taking on the NDP's Gordon Earle and Derek Wells for the Grits.

Wells held the seat from 1993-1997, when he was defeated by Keddy. Keddy defended the seat since then, defeating Wells' re-election bid in 2000.

Earle, who served as the representative for Halifax West between 2000 and 2004, ran unsuccessfully against Keddy in 2004.

Earle challenged Keddy in the following two elections, 2006 and 2008, and was defeated in both outings.

But NDP support in the riding seemed to grow

over those three elections.

In 2004, Earle placed third with 25 per cent of the vote. His numbers improved in both subsequent attempts, to 28 per cent and then 33 per cent. In 2008, he finished only 932 votes behind Keddy.

Whether Earle will be hurt by dissatisfaction with the provincial NDP government, or benefit from its pool of volunteers and organizers, remains to be seen.

Wells, a lawyer and the president of the Nova Scotia Liberal Association, has an uphill battle. The increase in NDP support didn't hurt Keddy's numbers much — it hurt the Grits, who moved to 23 per cent of the vote from 32 per cent over the last three elections.

The riding will be closely watched, not only in the province but nationally.

Because of the relative early results, the riding could be seen as a herald of things to come across the country.

## Meet the candidates



► Gordon Earle

NDP

Age: 68

**Experience in politics:** Former member of Parliament for Halifax West. Also worked on drafting human rights legislation, as an ombudsman and a deputy minister.

**What do most people not know about you?**

That I have a second-degree black belt in karate.



► Derek Wells

Liberal

Age: 64

**Experience in politics:** Member of Parliament, 1993-1997; past-president, Nova Scotia Liberal party; past-president, South Shore-St. Margaret's Liberal Association.

**What do most people not know about you?**

I love to sing with the Studio Singers.



► Kris MacLellan

Green

Age: 28

**Experience in politics:** N.S. provincial elections, 2006 (Halifax Fairview) and 2009 (Halifax Needham).

**What do most people not know about you?**

I have a black belt in both taekwondo and hapkido.



► Gerald Keddy

Conservative

Age: 58

**Experience in politics:** Just shy of 14 years

**What do most people not know about you?**

I am a huge history buff!

## What is the largest issue facing your riding?

The issue that most people are concerned about is health care.

The "big four" issues are health care, early childhood learning and care, assistance to help students attend universities and colleges, and income security of seniors.

I believe that the people of SS-SM are rightly worried about the sustainability of their resource extraction-based economy. The fisheries and the forestry sector are experiencing dramatic changes that urgently need to be addressed.

The economy. Our government has been a steady hand during the global recession. A re-elected Conservative government will continue to lay the foundation for sustainable economic growth while paying down the deficit.

## What do you bring to the campaign that your opponents don't?

I have helped establish cooperatives and youth groups and served as a civil servant in such positions as the first human rights commission staff person, as ombudsman in Manitoba, and as deputy minister of housing and consumer affairs.

The Liberal platform focuses on issues that really matter. It outlines our fully costed plans to strengthen families and build a stronger economy. It is committed to protecting our natural environment and promote green technologies.

The first Green MP in Canada will be a momentous thing. I would be free to truly represent my constituents, free from a century of party lines to toe, free of corporate influence to corrupt, and free to use my energies to get the people of SS-SM the best deal possible.

As the Conservative candidate I bring a solid fiscal plan to the people of South Shore-St. Margaret's through the Conservative government's most recent budget.

## What changes do you want to see in the next Parliament?

I am committed to working with the Jack Layton team to restore respect for our democratic institutions to the House of Commons. Mr. Harper's Conservatives have violated election spending limits.

A return to civil discourse, accountability and reforms to question periods.

Canadians are among the worst polluters on the planet. We need to get serious about protecting our environment from ourselves, not scouring the Earth for dirty oil and fracking our groundwater to meet imagined, counterproductive energy targets.

I would like to see a stable majority Conservative government so that we can get on with the business of running the country.

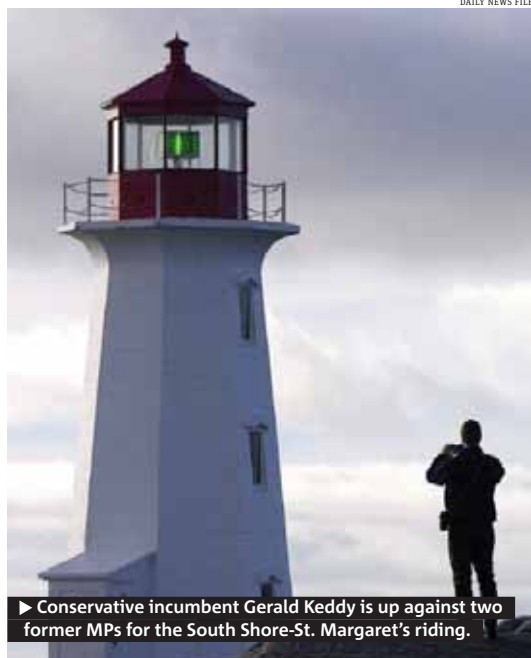
## What will you bring for the people of your riding?

I will provide the kind of representation that the people of South Shore-St. Margaret's can trust. The New Democrat team is committed to working with other partners in order to get the job done. I believe in bringing people together to work on resolving issues.

I served as MP for South Shore from 1993-1997; my door was always open and I will continue to observe this practice. I will hold regular open houses throughout the riding. People know me to be fair, open-minded and tenacious.

At 28 years of age I will bring my unbridled energy to the position of MP in a way that this country has never seen before. A Green voice in Parliament will shout into the halls of power for justice and equality for all Canadians.

Having been MP for South Shore-St. Margaret's for almost 14 years, I bring experience and a greater understanding of the issues that affect each of the four counties in this riding.



► Conservative incumbent Gerald Keddy is up against two former MPs for the South Shore-St. Margaret's riding.



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► Admiral Westphal students rehearse Thursday for the International Dance Day event at the Dartmouth school. The event starts at 11 a.m. on Friday.

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## Marching to their own beat

# Wilcox's victim yelled after shooting: Witness

There was a yell after a fatal shot was fired that killed a soldier on a military base in Afghanistan four years ago, a witness told the court martial of a former Canadian soldier charged in the death of his fellow reservist.

Matthew Wilcox of Glace Bay, N.S., has pleaded not guilty to criminal negligence causing death and negligent perform-

ance of a military duty in the death of Cpl. Kevin Megeney.

The 25-year-old man from Stellarton, N.S., died in a military hospital after being shot in a tent he shared with Wilcox at Kandahar Airfield in March 2007.

Cpl. Brent Bowden on Thursday told the court in Halifax he was watching a DVD on the other side of

the partitioned tent when he heard a shot fired and Megeney yell.

Before the shot, Bowden testified he heard Wilcox and Megeney talking.

"I was able to hear a little bit of a yell, no ... words in particular, but I was able to hear a little yell from Cpl. Megeney," he said.

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# A QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

## BY THE NUMBERS

RICK EMBERLEY  
METRO



As consumers, we are more and more aware of how socially responsible companies are in our communities, and we are directing more of our business to the best of breed. In fact, 57 per cent of us say we are buying more from companies we judge to be socially responsible.

And what do we mean when we say socially responsible? Sixty-four per cent feel it means that the company is environmentally responsible, and 69 per cent believe that it includes being involved in the community. Sixty-eight per cent also felt companies need to demonstrate commitment to their employees.

At the bottom of the list of things that people felt indicated a company was socially responsible was "being responsible to their shareholders." Forty-five per cent of respondents to our survey said this demon-

strated social responsibility.

Around Halifax, we also have some strong feelings about how companies should act responsibly as contributors to the community.

Just over 50 per cent feel that companies should be making donations to sport and community events; contributions of time and money to health and community service organizations was mentioned by 38 per cent in our survey. Despite the loud public debate regarding the state of our environment, only five per cent connected corporate social responsibility to the matter.

Do we take action in our shopping behaviour? The answer is yes: 57 per cent of us feel that we specifically do business with companies we see acting in a socially responsible manner. A further 32 per cent of respondents stated that in the past year we stopped buying from companies

that don't act responsibly in the community.

We appear to have different expectations from various corporate sectors.

We expect banks, telecommunications firms, petroleum companies and large retailers to be more engaged in our community. Eighty-seven per cent say they expect this because

these types of organizations have the resources to make a difference. And we would go one step further: 64 per cent say they would not work with a company that "was not socially responsible."

The sample size was 480 with a margin of error of plus or minus 5.2, 19 times out of 20.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel at Marketquest-Omnifacts, an Atlantic Canada research firm. He has conducted public opinion research in the region for more than 25 years.

**"At the bottom of the list of things that people felt indicated that a company was socially responsible was 'being responsible to their shareholders.'"**

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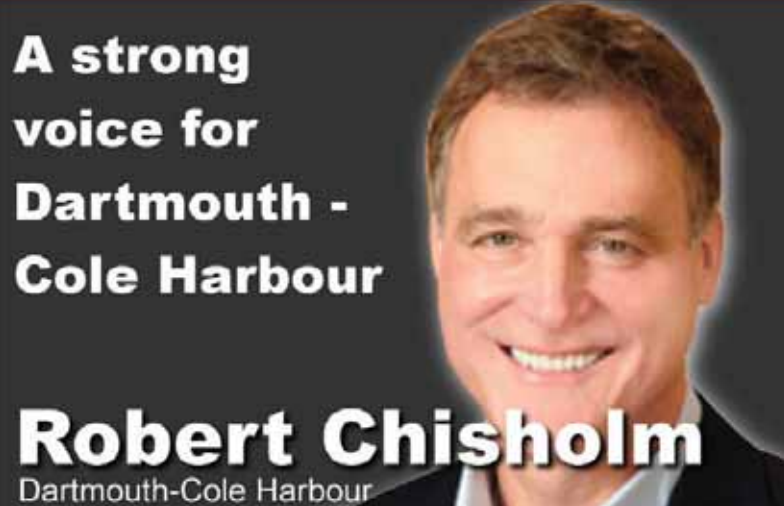


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# Tiny shoes tip Titanic mystery

► Shoes donated years ago to Maritime Museum of the Atlantic plus new DNA evidence prove identity of toddler

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► The shoes of the Unknown Child who died on the Titanic.

## Genetic research

► The research work behind the discovery is published in the current issue of the

journal Forensic Science International: Genetics.

► Nearly 1,500 of 2,209 people aboard the Titanic died.

New DNA evidence and a toddler's shoe kept in a drawer for decades have solved the mystery of the Unknown Child from the Titanic who lies buried in Halifax.

Sidney Leslie Goodwin, 19 months old, drowned when the "unsinkable" ocean liner sank off Newfoundland on April 14, 1912. With him were his mother, father and five older brothers and sisters, all third-class passengers bound for a new life in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

"It was the shoe that tipped it," said genetics researcher Ryan Parr, vice-president of Mitomics Inc. in Thunder Bay.

The shoe, kept in a drawer and then given to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax, would have been too big

to fit Eino Viljami Panula, a 13-month-old Finnish boy who drowned with his parents.

Using old genetic technology and samples of teeth and bone exhumed in 2001, Parr and other researchers had believed Panula was the child buried under that tombstone in Fairview Lawn Cemetery. But an examination of that tiny leather shoe sent the team of American and Canadian researchers back to the mitochondrial DNA samples.

Initially, the samples narrowed the choice to Panula and Goodwin. This time, the U.S. Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory in Maryland found another marker that pointed, with 98 per cent certainty, to Goodwin.

The lad's aunt was Carol Goodwin's grandmother, and Carol had grown up listening to stories of the Goodwin family perishing on the Titanic.

They had switched to the Titanic from the SS New York after it became possible for the eldest child, 16-year-old Lillian, to join them. They switched to third class from second to save money "and give themselves a faster start when they arrived," she said recently from her home in Wisconsin.

A retired child advocate, Goodwin, 77, sees the grave of her first cousin once removed as always representing not just Sidney Leslie but all of the 50 children who died on that voyage.

Sidney's body, she said,

was found floating, without a life-jacket, five days after the liner hit an iceberg. Rescuers were so moved, they decided to bring the body ashore and bury him as a reminder of the children whose bodies they couldn't recover.

"Grass has never grown around that tombstone," she said.

Goodwin, who is writing a book about the Titanic's Unknown Child and another about the doomed family of Frederick and Augusta Goodwin, said other accounts of the sinking have described the family on deck by saying, "The mother would not leave the father. The children would not leave the parents."

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## News in brief

**Kidnapping charge laid**

**TANTALLON.** An 18-year-old man was charged Thursday for unlawful confinement after RCMP in Tantallon received a complaint from a 17-year-old male that he was the victim of a kidnapping and assault. Police have charged Eliahs Kent, are still looking for a 17-year-old suspect.

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**Man charged in robbery**

**THEFT.** Halifax RCMP have arrested a 31-year-old man following a convenience store theft in Lower Sackville yesterday. The suspect faces charges of theft and wearing a disguise with intent. ● **ANDRE CALEY**

# Better food may mean higher fees

► New daycare regulations will require more fruits and vegetables



► Community Services Minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse, seen here in this file photo, announced new regulations for healthy eating at child-care centres yesterday.

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The province's new regulations and standards for nutrition at child-care places may raise daycare prices.

Tamara Jennex, assistant director of Wee Care Development Centre in Halifax, said the new regulations require more fruits and vegetables.

"For any centre, it's an increase in cost because fruits and vegetables are not cheap, but it's a positive expense as far as I'm concerned," said Jennex

yesterday.

She said most centres rely solely on the income of their fees, so the extra expense will most likely bulk up the cost of child care.

The previous regulations required food menus to be approved by a public health nutritionist, but that is no longer the case.

"The present rules were a little bit restrictive in the sense that if a daycare wanted to bring in a new, nutritious menu or even just one item, they would have to go through the process of the nutritionist

**New regs**

The new regulations came into effect on April 1 and the standards will be effective on July 1.

analyzing that. That made things go along a little slower," said Community Services Minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse.

But Jennex doesn't think that should change.

"Before you would basically submit a (menu) draft and get it approved and then you knew for certain what you were putting on the board was OK," she said, referring to the menu posted for parents.

"I don't really know why they removed that portion of the regulations because some centres need that bit of guidance."

She said although the Wee Care menu will change modestly as a result of the new regulations, some centres may be feeling a little hard pressed.



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## Jack's grin has rivals pouncing

Something about Jack Layton's smile has his rivals grinding their teeth.

First Stephen Harper and now Michael Ignatieff have accused the NDP chief of being all grin and no gravitas.

Ignatieff told a rally in

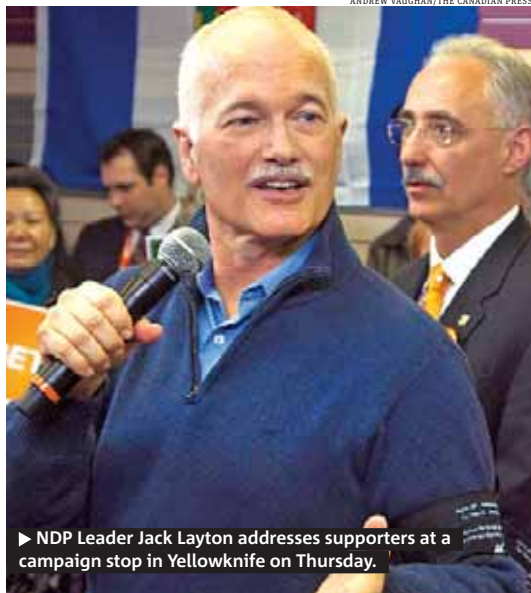
Quebec City Thursday that Layton's policies don't pass muster. "He has a lovely smile," Ignatieff said. "But no one has put Mr. Layton under a microscope."

At a rally in St. Catharines, Ont., this week, Harper brought up the 1970s when the Liberals and NDP joined forces in Ontario to form a coalition government and unseat the Progressive Conservatives.

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# Quebec, women cause shift: Poll

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▶ NDP Leader Jack Layton addresses supporters at a campaign stop in Yellowknife on Thursday.

- ▶ Tories have five-point lead on NDP
- ▶ Liberals stay strong in Ontario



A new poll suggests the high-flying NDP have indeed soared past the Liberals and closed in on the Conservatives.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey puts Jack Layton's party solidly in second place, just five percentage points behind the Tories.

The Conservatives are at 35 per cent support nationally, with the NDP at 30 per cent and the Liberals at 22 per cent.

The results indicate the New Democrats have dou-

bled their support since the campaign began late last month — thanks mainly to huge gains among Quebecers and women voters.

The poll has the NDP with a 20-point lead over the Bloc Québécois and leading the Conservatives by one point among female respondents.

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# 34

Ontario remains a rare bright spot for the Liberals — they are supported by 34 per cent of respondents.

## NDP — suddenly rich and popular?

The NDP bank account is enjoying a surge along with the party's rise in the polls.

Figures show the party has raked in \$2.5 million in donations since the writ was dropped March 26.

That exceeds the \$2.1 million the NDP pulled in over the course of the entire 2008 campaign.

On Tuesday, the party

netted \$100,000 in online donations alone. That was on top of \$250,000 collected over the holiday weekend.

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**1,100 Campaign officials say the number of donors offering \$1,100 or more has doubled in recent weeks.**

## News in brief

### Tory volunteer charged after trip to India

**BAIL.** A Conservative campaign volunteer and familiar face at party functions has been charged with violating bail conditions, after accompanying a Tory

MP to an event in India.

Snover Dhillon was already facing charges related to \$11,000 in fraudulent credit and debit card withdrawals in Brampton, Ont.

One of the conditions of his bail, set in December, was that he remain in Ontario.

But only a month later, Dhillon met up with Conservative MP Patrick Brown at an event in the Punjab region of India.

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### Harper talks border security

**TRADE.** Stephen Harper is in Niagara Falls, Ont., to promote his government's latest effort to court Canada's southern neighbour.

Harper says a Conservative government would press forward with an agreement designed to buttress border security while fostering trade and economic growth between the two countries.

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## Candidate's French not pardoned

A Quebec radio station says the NDP is running a candidate with limited French in a riding where virtually everyone is a francophone.

The director of 103.1 FM in central Quebec said Thursday the NDP's Ruth Ellen Brosseau admitted to only being able to speak a little bit of French.

Brosseau's case raises fresh questions about whether New Democrat candidates are qualified to

**"He noticed right away that her French obviously could've been better."**

**JONATHAN GARIEPY, DIRECTOR OF 103.1FM IN CENTRAL QUEBEC**

represent ridings in a province where the party's popularity is surging.

She made headlines earlier this week when the NDP confirmed she has

spent part of the campaign vacationing in Las Vegas.

Radio station director Jonathan Gariepy said Brosseau seemed surprised when a journalist from the station contacted her for a French on-air interview.

"He even asked her if she spoke French and she replied, with a very pronounced accent, that she spoke French, but only 'a little bit,'" Gariepy said.

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# One step closer to sainthood

Poles are already calling him John Paul the Great.

Across the heavily Roman Catholic country, the faithful are voicing joy and pride as Sunday's beatification of Polish-born Pope John Paul II draws closer.

Now many here repeat a common refrain: that the beatification is largely a formality because they already consider their native son the holiest of men. Beatification is the last formal step before possible sainthood, and many in Poland hope that the fast beatification will be followed by a speedy canonization as well.

"For us, in fact, the Holy Father was already a saint during his lifetime, and after his death even more," said Ewa Filipiak, the mayor of Wadowice, the small town in southern Poland where Karol Wojtyla, the future pope, was born.

Warsaw Archbishop Kazimierz Nycz this week called the beatification a historic moment and predicted that the late pontiff will go down in history as "Pope John Paul II the Great." Nycz did not expand on that idea, but the title "the Great" is usually designated for popes worthy of sainthood, such as Gregory the Great and Leo the Great.

"I am convinced the pope did a lot for people across the world during his papacy," said Magdalena Chmielewska, a 50-year-old librarian who boarded a Rome-bound bus from a Warsaw church Wednesday.

Many Poles credit the late John Paul for his role in inspiring Lech Walesa's Solidarity movement, a catalyst in the toppling of communism in Poland.

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▶ A Polish woman passes by a giant poster of the late Pope John Paul II in downtown Krakow, Poland, yesterday.

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# A living saint who walked among us

- ▶ Many believe Pope John Paul II was a saint, beatification a formality
- ▶ Pope's personal photographer says he was witness to many saintly acts

It was May 4, 1984, and Pope John Paul II was visiting Sorok Island off South Korea, a one-time leper colony where several hundred people with the disfiguring disease were receiving care.

Arturo Mari was there, as he was on all the pontiff's trips, a silent witness to almost every papal audience, mass, vacation and dinner party, public or private.

As the pope's personal photographer, Mari had nearly unrestricted access to John Paul's 27-year papacy, and his verdict as the pontiff's beatification ap-



proaches is unwavering: He was a living saint.

The protocol that day in 1984 called for John Paul to enter the Sorok pavilion where the patients were gathered, give a brief speech on the meaning of suffering, then leave. But after surveying the scene, John Paul brushed aside a cardinal who tried to speed

**"He touched them with his hands, caressed them, kissed each one. Eight hundred lepers, one by one. One by one!"**

ARTURO MARI, POPE JOHN PAUL II'S PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHER

him along, and set to work.

He proceeded to touch each and every single one of them, Mari said.

"For me he was a man of God," the 71-year-old Mari said in an interview this week inside his apartment just steps from the Vatican.

"I can guarantee you he was a living saint, because everything I could see with

my eyes, hear with my ears, you cannot believe that this man could do so much."

On Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI will beatify John Paul in St. Peter's Square, bestowing the Catholic Church's confirmation that Karol Wojtyla lived a saintly life.

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## A leader for the world

When Pope John Paul II moves one step away from sainthood on Sunday, the event will be celebrated in cathedrals, high schools and homes by American Roman Catholics who revere the Polish pontiff like none before him.

Other American Catholics see the occasion as a reminder that the charismatic, globe-trotting pope was a better leader for the world at large.

John Paul II has only been dead for six years, but his 27-year tenure as leader of the church is already thought of as a golden age, when Catholicism faced down Soviet Communism and won admirers from all faiths.

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# Britain revokes wedding invite to Syrian envoy

► Critics question why despots received invitations, while former British prime ministers were left off list

Global politics trumped ceremonial protocol Thursday, as Britain revoked a royal wedding invitation to the Syrian ambassador because of violent government actions on protesters there.

But critics continued to ask why the guest list had room for despots while former British prime ministers Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, both from the Labour Party, were left out, while their Conservative counterparts John Major

and Margaret Thatcher were invited. Thatcher declined due to poor health.

Human rights groups had criticized the decision to invite Syrian Ambassador Sami Khiyami to Prince William and Kate Middleton's nuptials at Westminster Abbey on Friday.

More than 450 people have been killed since mid-March in the uprising against Syrian President Bashar Assad's authoritarian regime, with 120 dead over the weekend.

The government said ambassadors from all countries with which Britain has "normal diplomatic relations" had been invited to the wedding — some 185 in all — and that an invitation did not condone regimes' behaviour.

Other diplomatic omissions from the guest list include the ambassadors of Libya and Malawi, whose envoy was expelled from London this week in a tit-for-tat diplomatic feud.

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## Canadians seek bit o' British at shops

Some of the shops in Canada that specialize in British food and memorabilia say the past few weeks have been among the busiest they've ever experienced.

The demand comes from both British expatriates and home-grown Canadians eager to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Shop owners say trinkets featuring either the royal couple's smiling faces

or the Union Jack have been strong sellers, with some stores saying they sold out of them days ago.

Scones, tea biscuits and clotted cream are all popular with those wanting to mark the ceremony with a breakfast party.

Store owners say most of the business has come from native-born Canadians who are keen to create their own royal experience.

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### Wedding stamps



- Some Saskatchewan senior citizens will be among the first Canadians to receive special postage stamps issued to mark the royal wedding.
- Canada Post will present official first-day covers of the stamp bearing Prince William and Kate Middleton to members of the Saskatchewan Century Club in Saskatoon.

### Key moments

- March 2004 William and Kate are pictured together on a skiing trip, and their romance becomes public.
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► Morgan Cantrell gives her nephew, Brayson Hyde, a hug after staying with her family during the storm, in Bartow County, Ga., Thursday.

## Tornadoes tear through six southern states

► Officials say they received 137 tornado reports into Wednesday night ► Worst twisters in 40 years

Massive tornadoes tore a town-flattening streak across the southern states, killing at least 280 people in six states and forcing rescuers to carry some survivors out on makeshift stretchers of splintered debris.

Two of Alabama's major cities were among the places devastated by the deadliest twister outbreak in nearly 40 years.

As day broke Thursday, people in hard-hit areas surveyed obliterated

### Relief plans

Obama will visit storm-ravaged Alabama Friday to meet with families and the governor to discuss disaster relief efforts.

homes and debris-strewn streets. Some told of deadly winds whipping through within seconds of weather alert broadcasts

during the storms Wednesday afternoon and evening.

"It happened so fast it was unbelievable," said Jerry Stewart, a 63-year-old retired firefighter who was picking through the remains of his son's wrecked home in a suburb of Birmingham.

"They said the storm was in Tuscaloosa and it would be here in 15 minutes. And before I knew it, it was here."

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### MOROCCO

## Bomb hits tourist café

A massive terrorist bomb tore through a tourist café in the bustling heart of Marrakech's old quarter, killing at least 11 foreigners and three Moroccans in the country's deadliest attack in eight years.

At least 23 people were wounded in the Thursday blast a few minutes before noon in Djemaa el-Fna square, one of the top attractions

in a country that depends heavily on tourism, Moroccan Interior Minister Taib Cher-gaoui said.

Government spokesman Khalid Naciri told the AP it was too soon to lay blame for what he called a terrorist attack, but he noted that Morocco regularly dismantles cells linked to al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb and says it has disrupted several plots.

At least eight French citizens were being treated at Marrakech's main Tofail Hospital, along with one Canadian, a

British citizen and three Moroccans, emergency room chief Hicham Nejmi said. Others were being treated at a military hospital and clinics.

"There was a huge bang, and lots of smoke went up, there was debris raining down from the sky," witness Andy Birnie, of north London, told the AP by telephone. "Hundreds of people were running in panic, some towards the café, some away from the square. The whole front of the café is blown away."

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► A Yemeni girl flashes the victory sign as female anti-government protesters, not seen, chant slogans during a demonstration demanding the resignation of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in Sanaa, Yemen, on Thursday.

# Protests heat up in Yemen

► **Opposition parties call killings of protesters a 'savage massacre' and crime against humanity**

Tens of thousands rallied across Yemen on Thursday, denouncing the killing of 12 protesters the previous day in Sanaa and demanding the country's longtime ruler immediately step down.

Demonstrators defied heavy rains and took to the streets to condemn Wednesday's brutal crackdown by forces loyal to President Ali Abdullah Saleh in Sanaa and several other Yemeni cities.

Wednesday's violence drew a condemnation from the U.S. Embassy, which said in a statement

it was distressed by the killings. It urged Yemenis to avoid "all provocative demonstrations, marches, and speeches in the coming days" and called on security forces to refrain from using violence against demonstrators.

Saleh has clung to office despite near-daily protests calling for his ouster since early February in a popular uprising inspired by revolts in Tunisia and Egypt.

On Wednesday, security forces backed by snipers on rooftops, fired into about 100,000 people

demonstrating in Sanaa, killing 12 and wounding nearly 200.

Meanwhile, foreign ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council will meet Sunday in the Saudi capital Riyadh to fine-tune a draft proposal, accepted by Saleh and the opposition, for ending Yemen's crisis.

The proposal calls for the creation of national unity government and would have Saleh transfer power to his vice-president within 30 days of the signing of the deal.

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# Civilians killed in Libya

Forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi shelled a besieged western city Thursday, killing at least 13 civilians, and new NATO airstrikes shook Tripoli as the U.S. told a meeting the alliance must intensify its mission to isolate the Libyan leader

and "bring about his departure."

"A lot of gunfire followed the explosions," said a resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity. A column of smoke rose in a southeastern part of the city.

Gadhafi's troops unleashed heavy shelling for three hours on the port city of Misrata, partly held by rebels defending positions against government forces. Gadhafi's troops have laid siege to the city.

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# Pair plead guilty after girl held for 18 years

- ▶ Victim relieved that couple confessed to their crimes
- ▶ Both defendants waive their right to appeal

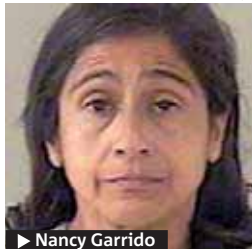
A convicted sex offender and his wife have pleaded guilty to charges of kidnapping and raping a Northern California girl when she was 11 and holding her captive for nearly two decades.

Phillip Garrido, who fathered the two children of victim Jaycee Dugard, entered the plea in California Thursday under a surprise deal with prosecutors that calls for a sentence of more than 430 years to life.

His wife, Nancy Garrido,



▶ Phillip Garrido



▶ Nancy Garrido

also pleaded guilty in a deal that calls for 36 years to life.

Dugard was snatched from her family's South Lake Tahoe street in 1991.

The plea deals will spare Dugard, now 30, and her two daughters, aged 13 and 16, from having to testify.

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## Manitoba. Wet.



▶ A home surrounded by water from the flooded Red River remains protected by dikes in the St. Adolphe area south of Winnipeg.

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## Saskatchewan blamed for floods

Drenched western Manitoba will have to grin and bear it. Officials say it may be several months before flood waters recede. And the blame, they say, lies in Saskatchewan. It has been giving Manitoba "its fair share of water," says Steve Topping. Almost 2,000 people have had to leave their homes. A little more than 60 provincial highways have been affected and 600 municipal roads are closed.

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► McDonald's teaches team building and deadline discipline, company managers say.

# 'McJobs' still in demand

- Fast food isn't always a low-paying, unstimulating dead end
- For some people it can offer real career opportunities

McDonald's recent hiring day in Canada was an unqualified success, with 20,000 to 25,000 applicants showing up for roughly 4,000 jobs across the country, says Len Jillard, the company's senior vice-president of people.

The number far exceeded expectations, Jillard said. "Our target was to have 10,000 applications."

The Canadian arm of the world's best-known fast-food chain picked up on the idea of a hiring day from south of the border, but Jillard insists it wasn't because McDonald's has trouble finding people.

"We thought that rather than each individual restaurant or operator doing their thing, because we hire 365 days a year ...

let's collectively put our efforts together and create a real awareness around it in terms of what we do offer."

Fast-food jobs have long had a bad reputation, but they remain a staple for students who have little or no work experience.

Having McDonald's on your resume remains a plus, said Jillard, a former

burger flipper himself. "Sixty per cent of us on the leadership team, we all started in the restaurant as teenagers."

He added: "When they have McDonald's work experience on their resume they come to the top of the pile. They're used to working in teams in a high-paced environment."

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# Canadians like to watch

- Online video consumption surged by 37 per cent in past six months
- Netflix is likely to boost numbers

Canadians are the world's most voracious consumers of online video, viewing far more videos, for far longer, than web surfers in other countries, measurement firm comScore reports.

Last month alone, 22.5 million unique Canadian users watched 5.6 billion online videos for 388 million hours of viewing. That averages out to about 251 videos per user and 17.2 hours of viewing.

And those numbers don't account for video streaming through Netflix, which launched in Canada in September and has 800,000 paying customers.

According to comScore's data for March, about 90

**"Every year there tends to be a couple of events with incredible international presence ... and any large cultural event seems to do really well with online video."**

ANDRES PALMITER,  
COMSCORE SPOKESMAN

per cent of Canadian Internet users watched some online video last month, compared to 81 per cent in the U.K., 83 per cent in France, and 84 per cent in Germany and the U.S.

Web users aged two through 24 were extremely engaged, with 94 per cent watching some video. Users over 65 were less likely to have watched online video but by only a few percentage points, at 86 per cent.

ComScore's Andres Palmiter said Friday's live streaming of the royal wedding could spur more web surfers into becoming regular online video watchers.

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## Shmatte. Trade



► Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bundchen works the window — and the crowd — at C&A department store in Sao Paulo to mark the launch of her women's clothing line.

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## Window of opportunity

She's walked the major catwalks of the world. Now Gisele Bundchen is taking a role in the design side of the fashion business after the launch on Thursday of her self-named clothing line. With an income of an estimated \$33 million US in 2007, Bundchen was named the world's top-earning model by Forbes magazine.

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# TELEVISION'S SENSORY OVERLOAD

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This week, the 3 Rs: Royalty, religion and reality TV  
**1** Vocal eyes: I took a slight interest in the debut of *The Voice* this week. Now I have ignited the curiosity that will dictate my whereabouts every Tuesday night for the rest of the season. Damn you, Christina Aguilera!

**2** Sensory overload: So here's my new schedule: Monday night is *Dancing With The Stars*, but I have to tune in Tuesday for the results, right before watching *The Voice*. Wednesday is *American Idol*, which has its results air Thursday. During commercials, I check the NHL and NBA playoffs, but under extreme pressure (from my wife) to return quickly for fear of missing one of Bruno Tonioli's golden metaphors that may or may not pertain to dance. To add to my frustration, Rogers' digital PVR does not allow us to record more than two shows at once, and you have to be watching one of them! I CAN'T TAKE THIS PRESSURE! Thank God it's Friday.

**3** NBA playoffs: Hey, remember when Canada had two NBA teams? Well, the Vancouver Grizzlies are now in Memphis (and retained the name Grizzlies, which makes no sense, although they may have a grizzly at the Memphis Zoo). The Grizzlies have surprised everyone by going toe-to-toe with the best team in the west, the San Antonio Spurs. Can we have them back now, please?

**4** NHL playoffs: My impression of Habs fans this week: "Oh yeah! ... Yes! ... What? Noo! Wait ... maybe ... Nope. Go Canucks!"

**5** Royal wedding: Earlier this week, I saw a show called *A Royal Wedding* on TLC, where I watched experts speak for 15 minutes about the makings of the "royal cake" for the upcoming royal nuptials. I then proceeded to the royal biker bar to get someone to royally punch me in the head.

**6** Miss Fortune: Lindsay Lohan did some time again last week for the jewelry theft that violated her 2007 probation for drunk driving. She was sentenced to 120 days in jail and 480 hours community service, but was released on bail pending an appeal. Her parents were not present since they had tickets to see Charlie Sheen's *Torpedo Of Truth* show.

**7** "So let it be written": Ask anyone who their favourite Bible hero is and Moses and Jesus come a close second to Charlton Heston. Easter weekend is his "royalties Super Bowl" with repeated broadcasts of *The Ten Commandments* and *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. It's hard to resist such profound biblical dialogue.

"... to be stripped of spirit, and hope, and strength, only because they are of another race, another creed ... If there is a God, he did not mean this to be so."

It reminds me of a classic George Carlin routine where he offers clarification of the following commandment:

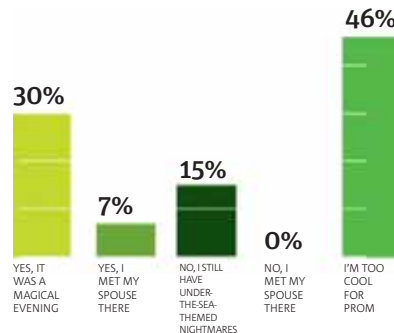
"Thou shalt try real hard not to kill anyone, unless, of course, they pray to a different invisible avenger than the one you pray to."

Good night. I'll be here all weekend.



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Disney's Prom premieres Friday. Do you have good memories of your prom night?



## Worth mentioning

**ATHENS.** The World Health Organization will give Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou a World No Tobacco Day award for passing anti-smoking legislation in Greece — a country where the new smoking ban is largely ignored.

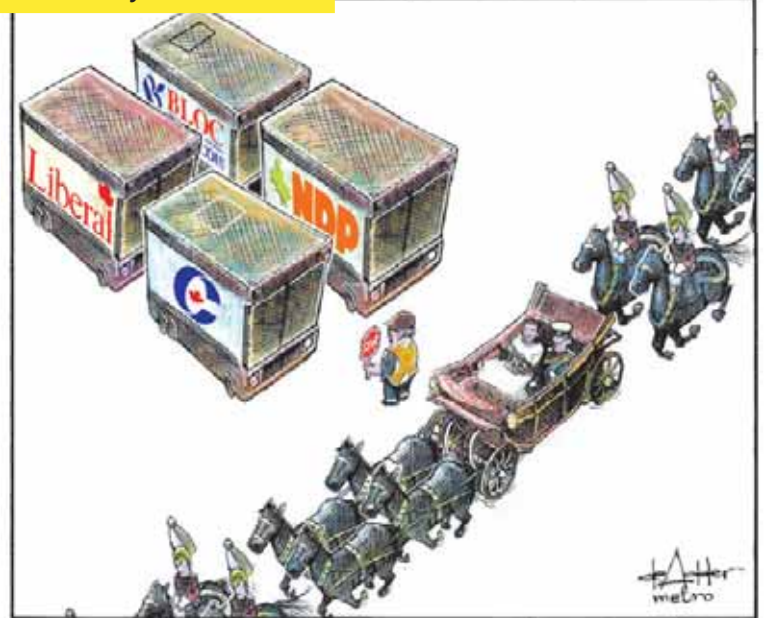
Papandreou's government introduced the ban last September, outlawing smoking in enclosed public areas in the third attempt by Greek authorities to crack down on smoking in recent years.

Those caught violating the new law face fines of between \$74 US and \$740, while businesses can be fined between \$740 and about \$14,800.

But the ban is openly flouted, and people light up freely in bars, cafés and restaurants. Even some public offices are not immune in a country where, according to a European Commission survey published in 2009, 42 per cent of people older than the age of 15 smoke.

WHO spokesman Timothy O'Leary said Thursday the award was one of 36 given out each year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## WEIRD NEWS

### These thieves are extra slippery

No sticky fingers here. These pilferers probably have slippery digits.

The increase in fuel prices has led to an increase in the number of used fryer grease rustlers roaming restaurant alleys in the United States, Reuters reports.

The grease is cleaned and sold for use as biofuel, livestock feed and other products.

An Omaha recycler has filed theft reports with police in Omaha and Lincoln in Nebraska, and Sioux City, Iowa.

Grease thefts have spiked whenever fuel prices skyrocketed during the last four years and this spring is no different, according to Tom Cook, president of the U.S. National Renderers Association.

Processed fryer oil is not trash. It is called yellow grease and traded. Its value is driven by higher prices of gas and ethanol.

"The price (of yellow grease) is real good right now," Cook said. "And those who steal it are really getting a good deal because they're not paying for it."

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## Local tweets



► @sarahfancy: is done second year! :) can't wait to go home saturday, halifax, you will be missed ... :'(

► @MITphotography: best pizza in Halifax <http://sician.ca/>

► @bigredns: @Dane\_Cook will u ever come back to Halifax, nova scotia

► @aml716: foggy here in Halifax. "@shoshocconn: Holy rain!!!!"

► @DSchuurman: I know that Halifax airport security is extreme, but a hand swab? Hate to find out

what's in store for me next time.

► @christinapeden: I don't care how nerdy it is, I'm so excited for the #RoyalWedding tomorrow! Waking up at 5am! #rw2011

► @salonbeautymark: #RoyalWedding. I'm wearing the royal colour purple tomorrow. Putting on my fancy eyelashes and an up-do fit for a princess to be!

► @shawking: Reminder: All you #royalwedding fans please use that hashtag so those of us smart enough to use apps that filter can block that crap ...

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▶ Thomas McDonell and Aimee Teegarden star in *Prom*.

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# A predicatable Prom

▶ Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of *Prom* ▶ Teen movie fails to bring anything new, funny or interesting to the big dance

**Richard Crouse:** Mark, first of thanks for the corsage. It was perfect for the Prom screening, and how did you know aqua carnations are my favourite? As for the movie itself, I know it is meant for teens and we're somewhat older than the target audience, but really, I think there is a case to be made to bring the filmmakers up on charges of elder abuse for making us sit through this tedious exercise in youth entertainment. What did you think?

**Mark Breslin:** Richard, I would have hated this movie even when I was a teen. My objection is not that it was for teenagers, but that it was made for stupid and uncritical teenagers. There have been lots of smart, sly high school movies: *Heathers*,

## Plot synopsis

▶ Nova Prescott (Aimee Teegarden) is an overachieving senior and head of the prom committee. After spending weeks working on decorations for the big night a mysterious fire re-

Mean *Girls*, *Jawbreaker*, *Easy A*. This is NOT one of them. Except for the incredible plot twist revealed halfway through the picture, there would be no reason to see it.

**RC:** Incredible plot twist? I just saw it and have no idea what you mean. This is as "by the book" as it gets. Anyone who doesn't know how this is going to end by the time the opening credits have played has never

duces her hard work to ash. Will the prom go on? Will school rebel Jesse Richter (Thomas McDonell) actually turn out to be a good guy? Will anyone care by the time the credits roll?

▶ **Ratings:**  
Richard: Zero  
Mark: ☹

seen a movie before. Predictable in the extreme, even the stuff this kind of movie usually gets right, like the comic relief, doesn't bring any relief.

**MB:** The plot twist is this: One of the girls gets accepted to Parsons School of Design for the following semester, but the letter is clearly dated 2015. That means the entire movie is taking place four years into the future, during which

time a group of orthodontists from outer space colonize a high school and replace the students with insipid, dweeby versions of themselves, giving them all perfect teeth in the process. Diabolical! Then they turn the males into '80s teen star clones of Ralph Macchio, Keanu Reeves, John Cusack, etc. Diabolical, I say!

**RC:** Ha! The only truly diabolical thing about this movie is the script, which makes the old *Afternoon Specials* seem like Chekov. The characters all seem borrowed from *The Breakfast Club* only without the special touch that John Hughes brought to his movies.

**MB:** And I've never seen a bad boy roll over so fast. I don't think a principal can order a student to do extracurricular work.

## Scene in brief



Jason Sudeikis will host the 20th annual MTV Movie Awards. The *Saturday Night Live* cast member will host the June 5 show. The awards will take place at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City, Calif., and air live on MTV.

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# Goodwin tackles an unsympathetic role

► Something Borrowed actress liked the chance to play the antagonist



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In taking on the lead role of Rachel in *Something Borrowed*, actress Ginnifer Goodwin found a whole new challenge: making a character sympathetic when you just want to give her a good slap. In the film, Rachel finally makes a move on the man she's loved for years, despite the fact that he's engaged to her best friend (Kate Hudson). The *Big Love* star sat down with Metro to talk about playing a difficult character and longing to get back to her Shakespearean roots.

**What was the draw for you for this character?**

I was actually inspired by the challenge of making her sympathetic because, on paper, I don't agree with any of her decisions. I was inspired by the fact that I judge her so harshly, and I wanted to tackle my fears about playing her. I took the part because I wanted to understand girls like her, women like her.

**Did your opinion of her change after playing her?**

I feel that I can be more sympathetic, though I may not be able to fully say I empathize with her in any



► Ginnifer Goodwin stars in *Something Borrowed*, which opens in theatres next Friday.

way. Ultimately she just makes so many choices that are off of my own moral compass. On paper she's the antagonist, if you step back.

**What advice would you give Rachel if you were her friend?**

Oh my gosh. "Grow some balls, lady." I mean, it's a difficult situation for Rachel because she's always looked for her self-worth in the attention that she receives from other people. Ultimately I would say to her — but she's not ready for this at the top of the movie — you know, ask for what you want. The worst thing that can happen is you are rejected and you will move on. In the history of the world, no one has ever died of a broken heart.

**How was filming in New York?**

That was just magical, getting to shoot all over New York City and the Hamptons. I was really impressed by the Shake Shack people because they refused to shut down for filming. They wouldn't take the studio's money and shut down for us, and I really respected that, that they were that loyal to their customers. So all the people in that line were actual customers. And I just loved being outside on the streets, despite the terrible imposition that was actually debilitating work of the paparazzi on the streets of New York, because truly they held up production a number of times.

**You have a lot of Shakespeare**

**in your background. Do you have any plans to do more?**

Oh, I'd kill to do anything that anyone would let me do. I mean, Shakespeare is my first love and my introduction, really, to theatre. I would do anything to be back on stage performing Shakespeare plays.

**Have you had trouble finding time in your schedule for things like that?**

That is a consideration, but also I think it's just being taken seriously by the people who put on those kinds of plays can become difficult when you do a lot of film and television. No matter what my training — and I understand why — I think that there's an inherent sort of snobbery there that I respect.



► Angela Bassett, right, stars in *Jumping the Broom*, which opens next Friday. The film was shot in Nova Scotia.

## Bassett's take on motherhood

There are a lot of words that could describe Angela Bassett's character in *Jumping the Broom*, a family comedy about two worlds colliding during an elaborate wedding on Martha's Vineyard. Bassett plays the mother of the bride, a well-heeled, impeccably styled woman of means. Just don't call her a diva.

"She's born into money, well-bred, she has a standard," Bassett says. "Maybe someone else might call her a diva, but I don't think she characterizes herself as that."

One of the draws of *Jumping the Broom* for Bassett was the chance to show a character like hers, as it helps show a part of the African American experience not often portrayed on film.

"My kids' godparents, they and their family have been to Martha's Vineyard at least two weeks or one week every summer for the past 18 years," she says. "There's a rich history of African Americans in Martha's Vineyard, working

there and then living there." (The Martha's Vineyard of the movie is actually Nova Scotia.)

Another big draw for Bassett to take on *Jumping the Broom* was the fact that she'd be going head to head with Loretta Devine, a longtime friend even though the pair haven't shared a screen since *Waiting to Exhale* 16 years ago.

"I know ... I mean I think I know what she's going to bring to the table," Bassett says of Devine with a smile. "I know it's going to be delicious, what she brings to the table."

And the two might be re-teaming again sooner rather than later, as talk of a *Waiting to Exhale* sequel has gone beyond just talk, according to the actresses.

"It's not in the beginning stages. Probably near the middle, in that there is a script," Bassett explains. "Forest (Whitaker) is on board to direct it, and it could go. I'd say within a year or something like that."

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## Fast Five is ridiculous, but exciting

**Fast Five**  
**Genre:** Action  
**Director:** Justin Lin  
**Stars:** Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson  
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In any conventional sense, Fast Five is a bad movie. The dialogue is laughable, the plot ridiculous, and the acting is over-the-top. Yet, those qualities are part of what people love about cheesy action movies — and Fast Five definitely delivers for that audience.

The whole thing is ludicrous, but hilariously so and most importantly it never winks at the camera. This is earnest cheese and all the funnier for it. The series' characters are now inexplicably high stakes professional thieves and the movie reunites them



for "one last job" with a perpetually greased up and pissed off The Rock in pursuit for the FBI.

Within seconds a bus is flipped and from that point on barely a minute passes without a scene involving a fast car, a scanti-

ly clad lady, a gun, an explosion, a one-liner, or all five.

It's all big dumb fun paced for the ADD crowd and would be easy to mock were it not so entertaining. The action defies physics and logic and the

script sounds like it was written by a monkey, but every scene is either unintentionally hilarious or genuinely exciting. If you have a taste for high-octane trash, Fast Five offers your drug of choice.

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## Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil

**Genre:** Animation  
**Director:** Mike Disa  
**Stars:** Hayden Panettiere, Glenn Close  
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In the fairy-tale spoof Hoodwinked Too!, Little Red Riding Hood (Hayden Panettiere) returns as a covert operative assigned to rescue

and Gretel.

Where the 2004 original suffered from cut-rate animation, the sequel clearly compensates — it's in 3-D even! However, in spite of cheeky, rapid-fire, pop-culture laced dialogue, the story lacks the depth of today's more memorable animated hits

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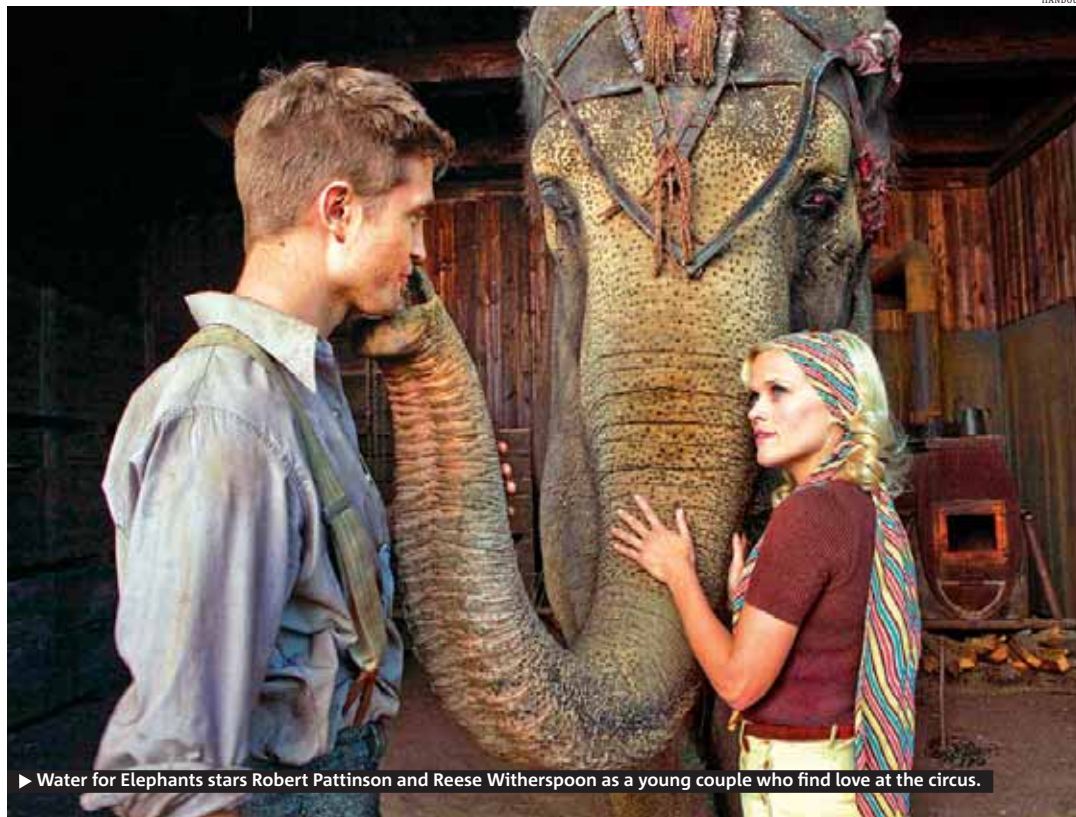
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► Blake Hazard and John Dragonetti of The Submarines are pictured during a 2008 performance in Los Angeles.

# What happens after happily ever after?

► The Submarines are exploring question with new album



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METRO WORLD NEWS IN BOSTON

The story of the Submarines has all the makings of an indie rock rom-com: Boy meets girl, they fall in love, move to L.A., break up, then realize they've been writing songs about each other, so they form a band, fall in love all over again and get married.

But that was several years ago.

Their new album, *Love Notes/Letter Bombs*, finds singers and instrumentalists Blake Hazard and John Dragonetti exploring what happens after happily ever after.

The songs are jumpy and fun with plinking and blooping instrumentation; but beneath the sunny surface lurks that slightly antagonistic chemistry that can keep a relationship vital.

The opening line of the song *Tigers* is: "The piano makes the sound you play so quietly/these love notes, letter bombs/you send them back to me."

**That feels like it's both your songwriting process and domestic life.**

Dragonetti: It definitely is.

Hazard: God, that's really funny. I hadn't thought about that. They are sort of like love notes and letter bombs we throw at each other in songs.

**You really hadn't thought of that? I thought it was just autobiographical.**

Hazard: Well it is, but with *Tigers*, I had a vision of this rambling old mansion in this Wes Anderson-esque setting, where this couple is sort of running around. And I was imagining tying a love note around a brick and throwing it through a window, this kind of sinister cute-

ness or something.

I was kind of imagining more of that. I guess I didn't see it as a metaphor for what we were doing.

**You've been married for a few years now, but this album is still rife with the joys of new love as well as the sorrow of broken hearts.**

Dragonetti: Yeah, well, you know, it's not very black and white, obviously.

It's been — without getting into it too much — it's been up and down.

Even in a relationship or marriage, you still have your struggles.

Even stuff that happened long ago still feels present sometimes. We're trying to figure it out. It gives us stuff to write about.

Hazard: Yeah, I don't think there's quite a way for writing about things without pulling any punches.

Dragonetti: It has been a struggle at times, but we do our best.

## GUIDE TO UN-GOOGLE-ABLE BANDS

### SOUND CHECK



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If you want to know more about a new band, the first step is to search them out on Google. Most of the time, you find what you're looking for. But then there are those bands whose names can either break you or Google.

#### Names Consisting of Some Common Word

Before Google's algorithm had figured out that The National was a well-regarded American band, it

deposited you in Peter Mansbridge's lap. Hint: When searching for a band that uses a dreadfully common word, end the search query with (band). It even works with something as awkward as The The (band). Try it.

#### Bands who insist on using punctuation marks instead of words

Think Prince's old unpronounceable made-up typographical symbol was tough?

It gets worse.

There's an excellent American indie band which insists on identifying itself with three exclamation marks, as in !!! Unless you know that the preferred pronunciation of it is Chk Chk Chk (a search that Google will accept), you'll give any search engine a nervous breakdown.

#### Names that resemble glyphs, runes, random symbols and assorted windings

Mater Suspiria is a strange European entity that features a member named

32> << 33. That must be a blast around driver's license renewal time. Don't break Google by entering that name; back-door things by going straight for Mater Suspiria.

#### Names that look like logos scribbled in the back of a high school notebook

A gold star to anyone who can pronounce GL▲SS †33†H. Look carefully. Did you see Glass Teeth? Score! What about twYIY<g>ZoNe? Twilight Zone, obviously — but unless you spell it just so, you'll be sent off into Rod Serling land. Then there's PWIN ^ ^ TEAKS, a band in the "witch house" genre (don't ask) disambiguating Twin Peaks.

**Names that are just hopeless**  
The harder I tried searching for †††, the more neurotic Google became.

The best I can gather is they chose that name so they could remain hidden to all but the most faithful. In the end, it was one big FAIL.

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## TV picks

## Get your royal fix all day long

**WEDDING.** Royal wedding enthusiasts won't have to leave the couch all day today as numerous networks provide a full slate of programs related to Prince William and Kate Middleton's nuptials at Westminster Abbey. Evening specials on the newlyweds air on all the major channels, including CTV, Citytv, Global, A, ABC, NBC and CBS.

## Dive into the Shark Tank

**REALITY.** If you're wedding-weary, check out a new episode of Shark Tank, in which a fiery entrepreneur presents her line of luxury maternity gowns and a Southern belle pitches

her homemade cakes. (Friday, A)

## Catch the first Twilight flick



**MOVIE.** Catch the beginnings of another power couple, Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, in the first Twilight film. Based on Stephenie Meyer's best-selling book series, the B.C.-shot drama stars Stewart as Bella Swan, who falls for a handsome vampire named Edward (Pattinson) when she moves to Forks, Wash. Many say this was the film that sparked the stars' real-life romance. (Saturday, Citytv)

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# Murder and dirty politics

## ► Eric Ladin dishes on his role as campaign manager in AMC's The Killing



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After the success of Mad Men, Breaking Bad and The Walking Dead, it seemed like AMC could do no wrong, so there was a great deal of pressure on its newest series The Killing. But after just five episodes it seems AMC has another hit, both with the critics and the viewers.

For those who have not jumped on yet, The Killing follows the investigation of the murder of a teenage girl through the eyes of the police, the victim's family and the municipal election campaign.

Actor Eric Ladin, who is no stranger to quality ca-

ble dramas after his stints on Mad Men and Big Love, plays Jamie Wright, the campaign manager of Seattle mayoral hopeful Darren Richmond (Billy Campbell).

Ladin spoke to Metro while in Vancouver shooting the last few episodes of the first season.

"Jamie and Darren have quite a bit of history together," Ladin said. "The relationship can be a little bit precarious for Jamie because of that history. He has to be honest and blunt with Darren even though they are friends."

In the most recent episode Jamie got to show off some of his dirtier political skills by infiltrating

his opponent's camp to find a mole in the Richmond campaign. Ladin said that he read several books written by political operatives and campaign managers as research for the role. He even spoke to some of the authors to get more insight.

"There was one operative that I did mold the character after but it's a name that I would rather not say, only because I'm not sure he would be OK with the comparison," Ladin said, adding that he watched plenty of The West Wing as well.

The murder investigation that is at the heart of The Killing is tied to the Richmond campaign be-

cause the body of the victim was found in a stolen campaign car. Ladin admits that Jamie sees the investigation "as a pain in his ass," but he is smart enough to use it to his advantage.

"Jamie is so good at taking a situation that is a negative or a death blow to a campaign ... and spinning it back against the other side," he said.

Ladin was coy about details for a second season of the show and if Jamie would be around for that, but is excited for that possibility.

The Killing airs Sundays on AMC at 10 p.m. EST. To catch up on earlier episodes go to amctv.com.

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► Actor Eric Ladin stars in The Killing.

## The Voice: Has Idol met its match?

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The Voice, the Mark Burnett-produced singing competition that made its debut this week, brought in 11.8 million U.S. viewers, making it the top-rated broadcast series premiere since Undercover Boss hit CBS after last year's Super Bowl.

It even bested stalwart draws Glee and Dancing with the Stars.

The reality competition stars judges Christina Aguilera,

Cee Lo Green, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton, who heard auditioning singers sight unseen.

If a judge liked what he heard, he turned his chair to face the music — er, um, the contestant, all of whom we're assuming will undergo the requisite reality show makeovers somewhere down the line.

Judges select eight singers for their "teams," which will compete against each other for a recording contract with Universal Republic.



► Judges Cee Lo Green, Christina Aguilera, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton.

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# Lindsay Lohan: Acting teacher

► Will teach homeless women as part of her court-ordered community service

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► Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan may end up spending much of her 360 hours of community service teaching acting to homeless women, according to TMZ. The troubled starlet is set to work at L.A.'s Downtown Women's Center, which also happens to run a theatre workshop.

A spokesperson for the centre said the staff were "extremely interested in having Lindsay contribute

her talents."

And according to sources, Lohan herself is up for the idea, believing the workshop would be "a perfect fit for her community service."

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## Not such a great idea

**ROMANTIC.** Justin Timberlake doesn't believe the idea that's the basis for his next movie, *Friends with Benefits*, is such a smart one. "It's a really good idea until it becomes a bad idea. It probably

becomes a bad idea really fast," Timberlake tells Ellen DeGeneres during a visit to her talk show. "I think that everybody could probably agree with us when we say that if you're going to be intimate with someone at some point somebody's going to feel something."

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## Jessica sets wedding date

Jessica Simpson may not be able to decide on a dress for her upcoming wedding, but at least she knows when the big day is, which she accidentally revealed during an interview with *Us Weekly*.

"I'm still trying to figure out what to wear! I don't know if I want the big boom, or the curvy thing, but it will be some-

thing beautiful," Simpson says. "I kind of have a couple ideas in my head, and I have a date; I'm really excited!"

The singer is also trying to not worry too much about getting into shape for the wedding: "No exercise is fun! I am going to dance around my bedroom and hopefully lose some weight." ● METRO



► Jessica Simpson

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## Has the Donald trumped himself?

Donald Trump may be proud of himself for being a vocal part of getting Barack Obama to produce his birth certificate, but the stunt may actually be bad for the Apprentice boss.

"Attacking stars like Rosie O'Donnell or Martha Stewart is one thing, but to go after the presi-



► Donald Trump

dent is taking Donald down a path that's going to do long term damage to his brand," a TV insider tells Popeater. "For a guy with a show on NBC in prime time that needs celebrities to sign up in order for it to be a success, this is potential suicide."

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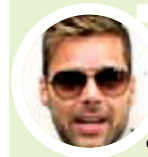
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"Have found Donald Trump's birth certificate. He was born in Hawaii, but before it was a state. This is getting complicated."

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"I just saw the guest list and the Royal Wedding will be jam-packed with European nobility. It has more blue blood than a Smurf disaster film"

## Doing his time in LA

British actor Alex Pettyfer hasn't been having the best time in Los Angeles. "I think it's this insidious pool where nearly everyone lives in fear," he tells *Vman* magazine about life in Hollywood. "Mostly I just do my work and then go home. Being an actor is like being in prison. You go, you serve your time, you try and replicate Johnny Depp's career and then you move to Paris." ● METRO



► Alex Pettyfer



## A toast to the future king and queen



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Remembering how stressful my wedding planning was, I can't imagine what it's like organizing the wedding of the century.

While you'd think it would have been enough to drive Will and Kate to drink, rumour has it "official" festivities are going to be lower alcohol affairs.

I'm not sure if they were concerned about some Harry-led shenanigans or if guests holding pints of ale at their reception wouldn't appear royal enough.

Though my sources at the family-owned champagne house Pol Roger would neither confirm nor deny their participation, word has it that the Pol Roger Réserve Non-Vintage (\$55.95 - \$62.99) will be the exclusive bubbly.

Floral, lightly nutty and sophisticatedly citrusy the choice of Pol Roger makes sense because it was Winston Churchill's tipple of choice. Prince William seems to get his sense of the future by reflecting on the past and Pol Roger is a perfect fit. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



# Eat like the royals

► Wondering what Will and Kate will eat on their first day as husband and wife? ► Bubble and Squeak, and Scones are some British favourites



► Bubble and Squeak, and Scones are two traditional British foods.



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Traditionally, British cuisine means unfussy dishes made with local ingredients and simple sauces. Although it's recently expanded its reaches, some traditions still stand — like Bubble and Squeak for breakfast or afternoon tea and scones.

### Bubble and Squeak

Named for the sound it makes while it's cooking, Bubble and Squeak is a breakfast hash of sorts designed to use leftovers from the previous night's boiled dinners.

If you don't have leftover veggies, simply boil them until tender.

#### Preparation:

- 1 In non-stick skillet cook sausage over medium-high heat for 6 to 8 minutes or until well browned. Using slotted spoon, remove meat from pan and reserve.

- 2 Add onion to skillet and cook 6 or until translucent and beginning to brown. Add potatoes, cabbage and carrots, and reserved sausage meat. Mix and cook 15 minutes or until well browned, scraping the bottom of the pan occasionally and flipping the mixture over. Season with salt and pepper.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 lb (500 g) ground sausage meat
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 baking potatoes, peeled, cooked and mashed
- 1 cup (250 mL) shredded, cooked cabbage
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped cooked carrots
- Salt and pepper

### Fruit and Chocolate Scones

Classic to afternoon teas, scones are commonly

baked plain or studded with currants, then accompanied with jam and clotted cream, a thick, creamy spread. You can make your version with any dried fruit, such as blueberries, or apricots. You also can add chocolate chips.

#### Preparation:

- 1 In large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add melted butter and stir until well distributed. Add cream, sour cream and vanilla. Mix until almost combined, then add fruit and nuts and mix until just combined.

- 2 Turn dough out onto a floured surface. Pat dough into a circle about 3/4 inch (2 cm) thick and 10 inches (25 cm) round. Cut into 8 wedges and transfer to parchment paper lined baking sheet. Refriger-

ate until well chilled.

- 3 Sprinkle tops of the scones with the coarse sugar, if using. Bake in 400 F (200 C) oven for 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool before serving. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ RECIPES BY ALISON LADMAN**

#### Ingredients:

- 2 3/4 cups (675 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) granulated sugar
- 4 tsp (20 mL) baking powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 10 tbsp (150 mL) butter, melted
- 1 cup (250 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) sour cream
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) dried fruit, nuts and/or chocolate chips
- Coarse sugar (optional)

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### Portion Control



Here are some tips to ensure you are eating proper portion sizes.

- Eat smaller meals throughout the day.

- Stay away from high glycaemic foods like sugar. They leave you wanting more.

- When eating out, cut the plate of food in half. Eat half, take the rest to go. **NEWS CANADA**



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# Effortless Indian cuisine

► These two delicious recipes offer spice and rich flavour ► The Tandoori Chicken will put your grill to use, while the Keema is very simple to create



► The Keema is the Sloppy Joe of Indian cuisine.

If you're looking to spice things up in the kitchen, Indian cuisine is the best way to do it.

First up is the Keema with turkey, peas and mint. Think of it as the sloppy Joe of India.

All you have to do is brown ground meat — in this case turkey, but chicken, bison or lean beef would be fine, too — with a bit of oil, garlic and diced onion. Then add spices, a bit of yogurt to make it creamy and throw in some fresh herbs. That's it.

While you could continue the Sloppy Joe analogy and spoon the mix on to burger buns, you can also

use naan flatbread. Most grocers sell packaged naan in the bakery section.

Meanwhile, Tandoori Chicken is a roasted chicken delicacy that originated in northwestern India.

## Preparation:

**1** In a large skillet over medium-high, heat oil. Add onion and garlic, then sauté for 5 minutes. Add ginger and cook for another minute.

**2** Add turkey and cook until meat starts to brown. Add garam masala and turmeric, then sauté for another minute. Add

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- 30 ml (2 tbsp) canola oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) grated fresh ginger
- 500 g (1 lb) lean ground turkey
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) garam masala
- 5 ml (1 tsp) turmeric
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) tomato

paste and water and heat, stirring to mix, for another minute. Add peas, then cover and cook for 3 minutes.

## paste

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) water
- 250 ml (1 cup) fresh (or thawed frozen) peas
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) plain Greek-style yogurt
- Salt, to taste
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh cilantro
- 7 ml (1/2 tsp) chopped fresh mint
- 4 large naan or other flatbreads, warmed

**3** Uncover pan, then stir in yogurt. Season with salt, then stir in cilantro and mint. Serve with naan.

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## Tandoori Chicken Kebabs



Featuring traditional spices and marinated meat to achieve optimal flavour infusion, this dish is normally cooked at in a tandoor oven but can also be prepared on an outdoor grill.

## Preparation:

**1** Spice Mix: In a bowl, combine spices. Store spice mix in tightly covered glass jar and place in a cool dry place out of direct light for up to 4 months. Makes 175 ml (3/4 cup).

**2** Chicken: In a bowl, combine oil, lime rind,

lime juice, garlic, 45 ml (3 tbsp) of the tandoori spice mix and yogurt. Add cubed chicken, turning to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or up to 1 day.

**3** Remove chicken from marinade and thread 4 pieces onto each skewer. Grill over high heat for 2 minutes per side. Reduce heat to medium and grill for additional 10 minutes, rotating skewers every 2 minutes.

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## Ingredients:

### Spice Mix

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) each ground ginger and ground coriander
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) each ground cumin, paprika and pepper
- 10 ml (2 tsp) salt
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) each turmeric, ground nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon

### Tandoori Chicken

- 75 ml (1/3 cup) oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) grated lime rind
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lime juice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) tandoori spice mix
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) plain yogurt
- 500 g (1 lb) boneless, skinless chicken breast cut into 5-cm (2-inch) cubes
- 4 skewers (soaked in water 20 minutes)

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Smoked salmon foam, served with a passion fruit and blackberry caviar is an example of molecular cooking.



Erwin Palo has won 38 medals at culinary competitions worldwide.

## CHEF OFF TO NATIONAL CULINARY COMPETITION

The Holiday Inn Halifax Harbourview's Executive Chef will be representing Atlantic Canada at an upcoming national culinary competition. Put on by the Canadian Culinary Federation (CCFCC), the National Chefs challenge will be held June 10 in Vancouver at the EAT! Vancouver Food and Cooking Festival.

Culinary competitions are nothing new to Erwin Palo; he's won a total of 38 medals at events worldwide. Originally from the Philippines, he won a medal at the first competition he

participated back in 1994.

"I'm competitive by nature, but I compete for my own benefit," says Palo, who is also a member of Culinary Team Nova Scotia.

Participating in competitions allows him to increase his knowledge base through the challenge of the competitions and they also help by allowing him to observe the cooking methods of other competitors.

It is Palo's goal to win one medal a year, but at 38, he's clearly well ahead of that target. With that many medals, it means there isn't enough room in his office for them. Instead, his office is filled with the medals he has won since he immigrated to Canada in 2001, along with the first medal he ever won.

Not surprisingly, Palo isn't

even sure how many competitions he has participated in. "A lot," he says with a laugh. "Countless."

This trip to Vancouver will mark Palo's first time competing at nationals and he will be joined by his Sous-Chef, Thomas Carey. Palo is confident about his chances at winning and says he has been busy preparing for the event by seeking out the advice of other chefs who have previously competed in nationals.

From the moment Palo started competing in competitions, he hasn't restricted himself to focusing on one particular area. He's competed in ice sculpting competitions, food carving and chocolate ones. "Anything I can get my hands on," he says.

## BRINGING A WORLD OF FLAVOUR TO DARTMOUTH

Erwin Palo didn't always want to be a chef. Originally from the Philippines, the Holiday Inn Halifax Harbourview's Executive Chef was studying to be an accountant. To help pay for his studies, Palo took a job as a restaurant dishwasher. Soon enough, he was helping cook.

A supervisor noticed his natural talent and passion and encouraged Palo to enrol in a culinary school, which he did. Upon graduation, Palo began working at hotels and restaurants across Asia, before

immigrating to Canada in 2001.

As Executive Chef, Palo brings his global experience to the hotel's Café 101 restaurant, as well as its catering services. "It's a Holiday Inn, but at the same time, we don't do typical Holiday Inn food," he says. "We try to do global cuisine or global flavour, a fusion of French and classical cuisines, while trying to put a modern twist on it."

Café 101's dinner menu includes gourmet offerings such as seared scallops, served with a Hollandaise sauce and grilled chicken served with a pistachio cream sauce.

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people and offers either plated or buffet service.

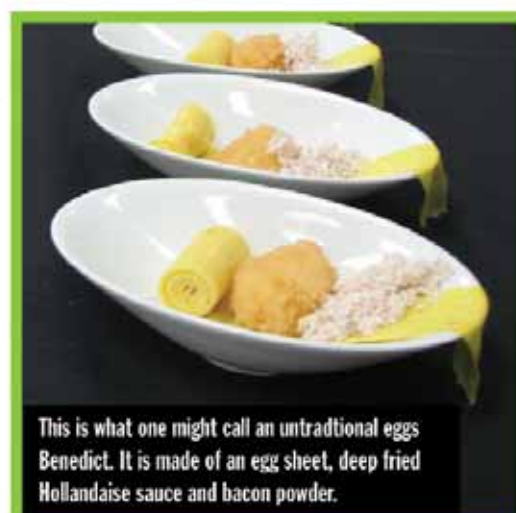
Since Palo joined the team in September 2010, the feedback has been outstanding.

"People have been calling our restaurant a hidden gem," he says, with noticeable pride.

He attributes this to a few things, including the fact that about 90 per cent of the food is made from scratch. He also sources ingredients from local providers and says the fresh taste it offers is unmatched.

Palo says the team he works with are the best he's ever encountered.

"They're just like sponges," he says. "They want to absorb everything you can teach them. It's wonderful to have a staff like that."



This is what one might call an untraditional eggs Benedict. It is made of an egg sheet, deep fried Hollandaise sauce and bacon powder.

## MOLECULAR COOKING 101

One of executive chef Erwin Palo's interests is molecular cooking. This relatively new style of cooking is defined by the website [howstuffworks.com](http://howstuffworks.com) as a discipline which uses "special techniques, ingredients and cooking principles to encourage certain chemical reactions to occur."

Imagine peanut butter or strawberries served in a powder form. These are things that can be achieved by molecular gastronomy and things which have been done by Palo.

"Almost everything that is liquid or solid, we can turn into powder," he says. "Sometimes people are a bit hesitant to try it, but as soon as you explain what it is, it interests them to try it."



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► These pork chops are best paired with romaine lettuce tossed in ranch dressing.

# Baked pork chops with a hint of Italian flavour

► **Parmesan cheese gives this traditional meat dish a unique upgrade**

Employ the flavour of spring with this mouthwatering recipe for Parmesan Pork Chops and Ranch Tossed Romaine.

Using a bone-in pork chop helps to maintain some of those great flavours the meat has to offer. You could substitute it for boneless if you prefer. You'll have to adjust the cooking time.

With the Parmesan cheese accents, the meal goes well with Romaine lettuce that uses a unique Ranch dressing.

## Preparation:

**1** In a shallow dish, whisk the egg, milk and pepper until frothy. In

another shallow dish stir together the cheese, breadcrumbs, flour and oregano.

**2** Dip each pork chop into the egg mixture coating both sides and let excess drip off. Place the pork chop in the cheese mixture and press both sides in to coat well. Place all pork chops on a baking sheet with foil and lightly grease with vegetable oil.

**3** Bake in 425°F (220°C) oven for about 12 minutes or until light golden and hint of pink remains inside. Turn on the broiler and broil chops for about 3 min-

utes or until they are golden brown.

**4 Ranch Tossed Romaine:** Meanwhile, in a bowl whisk together the buttermilk, sour cream,

mayonnaise, parsley, garlic, thyme and salt. Add romaine lettuce and toss to coat. Serve the Ranch Tossed Romaine with pork the chops. [DAIRYGODNESS.CA](http://DAIRYGODNESS.CA)

## Ingredients:

- 1 egg
- ¼ cup (60 mL) milk
- Pinch pepper
- ½ cup (125 mL) finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) dry seasoned breadcrumbs
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried oregano leaves
- 4 lean bone-in pork loin

chops (about 1-¼ lbs/625 g)

## Ranch Tossed Romaine

- 3 tbsp (45 mL) buttermilk
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) each, sour cream and mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced Italian parsley
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- ½ tsp (2 mL) dried thyme leaves or dill weed
- Pinch salt
- 9 cups (2.25 L) torn romaine lettuce

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# NO. 1 CAPITALS VERSUS NO. 5 BOLTS

**GAME 1:** Friday, 8 p.m., TSN  
**SEASON SERIES:** Capitals 4-1-1

## CAPITALS WIN IF ...

... they continue their adherence to a decent defensive game. They allowed just eight goals against while taking out the Rangers in five games in the first round.

... Alexander Ovechkin continues to light it up offensively. He had six points, including three goals, in those five games against New York.

## LIGHTNING WIN IF ...

... goaltender Dwayne Roloson, 41, continues to defy logic with his youthful acrobatics. He allowed just four goals in Tampa's final three wins over Pittsburgh.

# NO. 2. FLYERS VERSUS NO. 3 BRUINS

**GAME 1:** Saturday, 4 p.m., CBC  
**SEASON SERIES:** Bruins 3-0-1

## FLYERS WIN IF ...

... they can settle on one of their three rotating goalies — likely Brian Boucher to start — and he can be adequate enough to hold the spot.

... Chris Pronger, who had surgery in mid-March to fix a broken hand, heals to the point where he can be more than just a presence.

## BRUINS WIN IF ...

... they channel their residual frustration from last spring when the Flyers embarrassed them, rallying from three games down to win their second-round playoff series.

# The road to glory

► A look at what teams will need to do to get past the second round of the NHL playoffs

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► Nashville's Mike Fisher tumbles over Vancouver's Dan Hamhuis Thursday as the second round of playoffs gets underway. The Canucks won 1-0.

# NO. 1 CANUCKS VERSUS NO. 5 PREDS

**GAME 2:** Saturday, 10 p.m., CBC  
**SEASON SERIES:** Tied, two wins each

## CANUCKS WIN IF ...

... Roberto Luongo shows he can confidently stop pucks in the post-season.

... Ryan Kesler shows more offensively. He had zero goals against the Blackhawks in seven games.

## PREDATORS WIN IF ...

... they get to Luongo. Nashville's offence isn't as skilled as Chicago's but its hard work will produce enough chances to challenge the Canucks netminder.

# NO. 2 SHARKS VERSUS NO. 3 RED WINGS

**GAME 1:** Friday, 11 p.m., TSN  
**SEASON SERIES:** Sharks 3-1-0

## SHARKS WIN IF ...

... Dan Boyle can keep up the pace of playing 27 minutes a game.

... their explosive power play can take advantage of Wings' mediocre penalty killing.

... Goalie Antti Niemi gets back on track. He was pulled twice in the first round and posted a head-shaking .863 save percentage and 3.99 goals-against average.

## RED WINGS WIN IF ...

... they take full advantage of a lengthy break with old guys rested and healed without getting rusty.

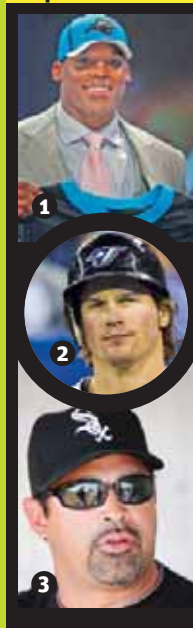
... Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg play like Datsyuk and Zetterberg.

... Jimmy Howard continues strong play in net.

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# 4 sports

## Sports in brief



# Chan smashes records en route to world title

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Canada's Patrick Chan has claimed his first world figure skating title and rewritten the sport's record book in the process.

The 20-year-old from Toronto swept all three world records, scoring 187.96 points for his long program for 280.98 points overall. Those marks came a day after he topped the previous world mark for the short program that gave him a virtually insurmountable lead.

Skating to music from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera, Chan landed two quadruple jumps in the opening minutes, and then was



► Patrick Chan celebrates on Thursday.

nearly flawless the rest of the way.

Takahiko Kozuka of Japan scored 258.41 to take the silver, while 17-year-old crowd favourite Artur Gachinski of Russia won the bronze with 241.86.

Japan's Daisuke Takahashi held the previous world records for overall score (264.41) and long program (175.84), set at the 2008 Four Continents championships.

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## Sports in brief

# Rays' Zobrist sets RBI record

**MLB.** Ben Zobrist set a Tampa Bay record with eight RBIs, on a home run and two doubles Thursday as the Rays routed the Minnesota Twins 15-3. He went 4-for-6 and scored twice. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Will Shaq be back vs. Heat?

**NBA.** Boston coach Doc Rivers said Shaquille O'Neal will "hopefully" join the team Friday for its final workout before Game 1 against the Miami Heat Sunday. He has played only five minutes

29 seconds since Feb. 1 due to right calf and Achilles tendon problems. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Daniel Sedin up for Hart

**NHL.** Vancouver Canucks left-winger Daniel Sedin will go for an unprecedented family double at the NHL awards banquet June 22.

He's up for the Hart Trophy along with right-winger Corey Perry of the Anaheim Ducks and Tampa Bay Lightning right-winger Martin St. Louis.

Sedin's twin brother and linemate Henrik Sedin won the MVP award last season. They could become the first brother tandem to win the Hart in consecutive years.

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**1** The Carolina Panthers selected Auburn quarterback Cam Newton with the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.

**2** The Toronto Blue Jays sent outfielder Travis Snider to triple-A Las Vegas.

**3** MLB is looking into rules White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen may have violated in using Twitter to make derogatory comments about an umpire. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## NBA PLAYOFFS

## Hawks knock off Magic

Joe Johnson scored 23 points and came up with a huge offensive rebound, leading the Atlanta Hawks to an 84-81 victory in Game 6 on Thursday night, knocking Orlando out of the playoffs.

The Hawks won the series 4-2 and will meet the No. 1 seed Chicago Bulls

in the second round.

The Magic, who routed Atlanta a year ago in the most lopsided four-game sweep in NBA history, head into an uncertain off-season after their earliest playoff ouster since 2007.

With Atlanta clinging to a one-point lead and the clock running down, Marvin Williams missed a clinching three-pointer. But Johnson swatted the rebound to Jamal Crawford, who was fouled and made two free throws with 8.2 seconds left. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Hornets fail in bid to upset L.A.

Kobe Bryant scored 24 points in the Los Angeles Lakers' 98-90 series-clinching win over the New Orleans Hornets Thursday night.

Chris Paul, who was the main reason New Orleans was able to stretch the series to Game 6, wasn't able to deliver the Hornets a third victory. He finished with 10 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds.

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### Questions. Begin



► Montreal Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban autographs souvenirs at the end-of-season media availability session Thursday in Brossard, Que.

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## Habs GM already on defensive

Montreal GM Pierre Gauthier was peppered with questions Thursday about what the Canadiens will look like next season and the team's Game 7 overtime loss in Boston wasn't even 24 hours old. Most of it centred on the defence. Gauthier found himself with a glut of rearguards after season-ending injuries to Andrei Markov and Josh Gorges forced him to go shopping. With six rearguards due to become unrestricted free agents, including mainstays Markov and Hal Gill, Gauthier will have some tough decisions to make this summer.

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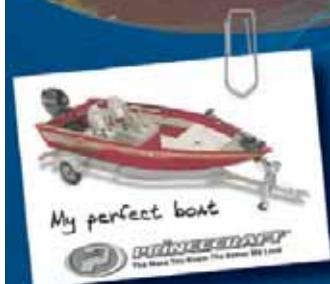


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## Jays win with small ball

Corey Patterson bunted home the tie-breaking run in the ninth inning as the Toronto Blue Jays won their first series in three weeks with a 5-2 victory over the AL West-leading Texas Rangers on Thursday.

Patterson dragged a bunt to the right side that was fielded by Darren Oliver (1-2) with nobody covering first base. Patterson got credited with a single and John McDonald, who held



BLUE JAYS

RANGERS

at third until the ball was safely in play, scored the go-ahead run.

The Blue Jays, who took three of four games in the series, then added two more runs after Texas made two errors on the same play.

Adam Lind homered again for Toronto, his third in the series and fourth of the season.

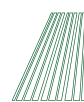
Brandon Morrow, making only his second start of the season for Toronto, struck out six in six innings with one walk.

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► Runners at the starting line of the 2010 Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon last year.

# Marathon expected to be biggest ever

► Record 11,000 runners forecasted for marathon



**MATTHEW WUEST**  
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At some point, the Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon's participation growth is bound to level off. But according to organizers, it won't be this year.

Event co-chair Rod McCulloch raved about the registration numbers as of Thursday afternoon, saying the eighth annual Blue Nose on Sunday, May 22, is expected to set another participation record.

"We're currently running ahead of our projection," McCulloch said. "The way we're going right now, we're pushing toward 11,000."

Participation has increased every year since the inaugural run in 2004. Last year's total of 9,428 partici-

## Past turnouts

Past Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon participation numbers.

- 2010 — 9,428
- 2009 — 8,073
- 2008 — 7,800
- 2007 — 7,000
- 2006 — 6,300

pants was more than two-and-a-half times the 3,500 who ran in 2004.

McCulloch said 4,400 adults and 500 youth have registered already. While the combined 4,900 is a far cry from McCulloch's projection of 11,000, he based the number on a traditional spike in final-week sign-ups.

"All of a sudden, just at the end, it goes up," he said. "That's the way it tends to

go — people tend to register late."

The Blue Nose is not making many changes to the half- and full-marathon routes, which have been almost identical for the past two years.

Organizers have focused on small tweaks, such as moving the timing chips from sneakers to bibs; adjusting T-shirt orders to have more appropriate sizing for participants; and putting a focus on recycling along the race route.

As for continued participation growth, McCulloch said he and co-founder Gerald Walsh haven't set any limits.

"At the beginning, we thought we'd level off between 10,000 and 12,000," he said. "We haven't seen it yet, so who knows?"

# London, Ont., interested in potential hoops team

A Maritime contingent hoping to form a new Canadian minor professional basketball league is encouraged after a trip to London, Ont.

"Things went really well," said Saint John Mill Rats president Ian McCarthy, who met with an interested ownership group along with Halifax Rainmen owner Andre Levingston.

"The city is very eager to see if things could work there, if they could help and assist, and the arena is very flexible."

The Rainmen, Mill Rats and Quebec Kebs are with-



► Rainmen forward Desmond Ferguson in a PBL game in 2010.

out a league to play in after dropping out of the Premier Basketball League in mid-April. They say they

need at least two more teams — Moncton, N.B., is the other top candidate — to make a new Canadian league work.

McCarthy returned to New Brunswick on Thursday but said Levingston is staying in Toronto over the weekend to meet with other potential ownership groups in Ontario.

He said things are still in the preliminary stages and no deadlines have been set for moving forward.

"We'll wait to hear what Andre has to say on Monday," McCarthy said.

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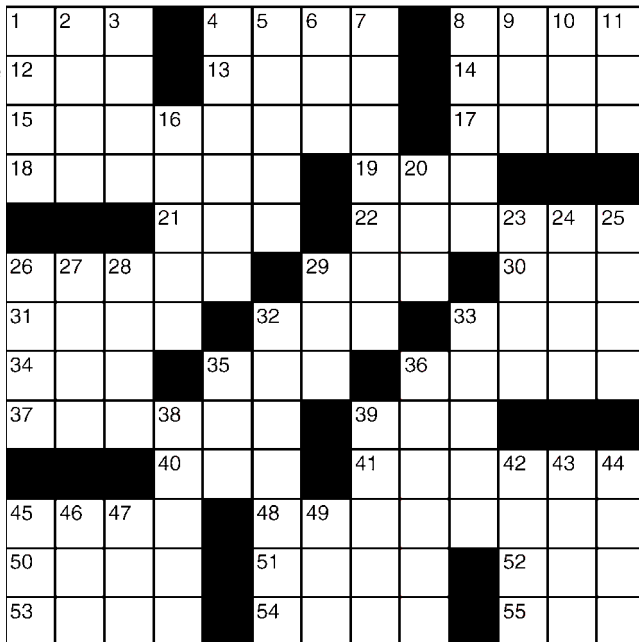
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## Crossword

### Across

- 1 "Six-pack" muscles  
4 Somewhere out there  
8 Snare  
12 A Gershwin brother  
13 Albacore, e.g.  
14 Apiece  
15 Reverie  
17 Tool storage structure  
18 Bombard  
19 Fore's opposite  
21 Greek consonants  
22 Masseur's workplace  
26 Seraglio group  
29 April payment  
30 Joan of —  
31 Enrages  
32 X rating?  
33 Fedora feature  
34 Conger or moray  
35 Crafty one  
36 High-quality  
37 Fluorescent trademark  
39 "Eureka!"  
40 "— Town"  
41 Operatic voices  
45 Kill bills  
48 9-to-5  
50 A long time  
51 Massachusetts motto starter  
52 Caesar's "I love"  
53 Protuberance  
54 Colonial sewer  
55 Kitten's comment



- 4 Hotel lobby, perhaps  
5 Gas, oil, etc.  
6 Literary collection  
7 Fast time  
8 Irritable  
9 "Go, team!"  
10 Dogfight participant  
11 Advanced deg.  
16 Hamlet's countrymen  
20 Transmit, in a way  
23 Ganges attire  
24 Prudish  
25 Wile E.'s supplier  
26 Wasted no time  
27 Neighborhood  
28 Hinge (on)  
29 Cowboy nickname  
32 As specified  
33 Impudent  
35 Winter ailment  
36 Aspects  
38 Gaggle member  
39 Bottomless pit  
42 Thailand, once  
43 "All —"  
44 Pack cargo  
45 Vehicle with sliding doors  
46 Id counterpart  
47 Nugent of rock  
49 "I'll take that as —"

### ► Yesterday's answer



### Down

- 1 Verdi opera  
2 Lingerie buys  
3 Puts into words

## Today's horoscope

**♈ Aries** March 21-April 20 Resist the urge to start a fight today. There's no point.  
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**♊ Gemini** May 22-June 21 An issue you thought was done will return. Now, you must deal with it once and for all.  
**♋ Cancer** June 22-July 22 No matter what losses you have suffered of late, your attitude is still positive. You're learning.

**♌ Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Don't go against the rules today. You might get noticed by people whose gaze is best avoided!  
**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Don't take good luck for granted because it could disappear.  
**♎ Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 What looks like bad news early in the day will turn out to be good news later in the day.  
**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 A partnership issue will come to ahead. It will be resolved so don't call it quits just yet.

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**♑ Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If something didn't work out as planned, it doesn't mean you're on the wrong track.  
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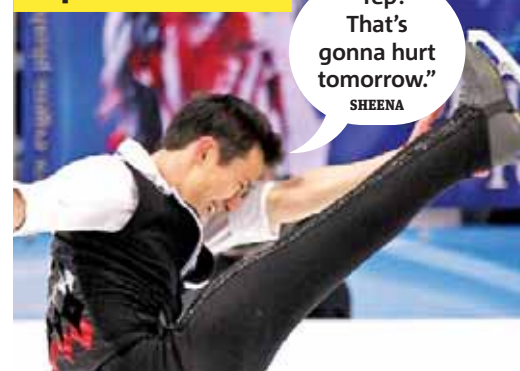
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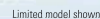
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